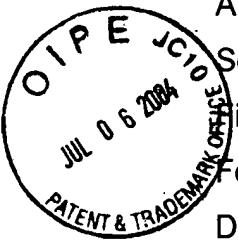


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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for extension of time for a total period of one (1) month. Based on the extension requested, the extended period for response will expire on July 19, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-0467. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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